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Applications sought for Oil and Gas Conservation Commission positions

(BOISE) – Governor C.L. “Butch” Otter is accepting applications to fill all five positions of the Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission.

The Idaho Oil and Gas Conservation Commission regulates the exploration, drilling, and production of oil and gas resources on private, state and federal land in Idaho. The Idaho Department of Lands (IDL) is the administrative arm of the commission.

Earlier this year, the Governor and Idaho Legislature approved a bill that replaced the current members of the commission – the same five constitutional officers that serve on Idaho’s State Board of Land Commissioners, including the Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Controller, and Superintendent of Public Instruction – with five members appointed by the Governor and approved by the Senate.

The appointed commission members will include:

- one member knowledgeable in oil and gas;
- one member knowledgeable in geology;
- one member knowledgeable in water;
- one private land or mineral owner in an area with oil and gas activity; and
- one private land owner without mineral rights

The new commission will be in place by July 1, 2013. The law also establishes election of officers, Commission member compensation, frequency of meetings, staffing, and other duties. It allows the new commission to designate hearing officers, establish advisory committees related to oil and gas, and otherwise perform the duties associated with oil and gas regulation in Idaho.

The IDL examined other states to come up with the proposal so that Idaho’s new commission membership more closely resembles other states’ oil and gas regulatory commissions.

Applications may be mailed to the Governor’s Office or e-mailed to Ann.Beebe@gov.idaho.gov. Applications sent via e-mail must be received by the Governor’s Office by June 3, or postmarked by June 3 if sent by U.S. mail. Questions about the commission positions may be directed to the IDL.

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